

In the Claims

1-10. (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) A method for producing a flexible shaped strip for securing a cushion covering to a cushion component formed of foam material and provided with a longitudinal passage for engaging the shaped strip, comprising the steps of:

forming the shaped strip from plastic material for engaging the longitudinal passage in the cushion component and securing the covering to the cushion component; and

providing a slip-preventer at least partially on an exterior periphery of the shaped strip, the slip-preventer being a plastic material softer than the plastic material of the shaped strip;

whereby, the slip-preventer increases tear resistance of the shaped strip to resist inadvertent removal of the shaped strip from the longitudinal passage in the cushion component.

12. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the soft plastic material of the slip-preventer has a Shore A hardness lower than 150.

13. (previously presented) A method according to claim 12 wherein the Shore A hardness is between 30 and 60.

14. (previously presented) A method according to claim 12 wherein the Shore A hardness is 60.

15. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is applied to the shaped strip by extrusion.
16. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is applied to the shaped strip by coextrusion.
17. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is applied to the shaped strip by a hot coating method.
18. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is applied to the shaped strip by a spray method.
19. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is applied to the shaped strip by a dipping coating method.
20. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is a coating applied on the shaped strip; and the coating is hardened by ultraviolet light.
21. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is a coating applied on the shaped strip; and the coating is hardened by an electron-radiation source.

22. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the soft plastic material is rubber.
23. (currently amended) A method according to claim 11 wherein the shaped strip is formed with ~~cut-out~~ recessed areas between the shaped strip and the cushion component, the slip-preventer being applied only in the ~~cut-out~~ recessed areas.
24. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the shaped strip has a profile selected from the group consisting of round, T-shaped, fixing wedge and fixing anchor.
25. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is applied to the shaped strip in flakes.
26. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is applied to the shaped strip in clots.
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28. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is applied to the shaped strip by coating.

29. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the shaped strip with the slip-preventer thereon is inserted into a foam cushion for securing a cover to the cushion.

30. (new) A method for producing a flexible shaped strip for securing a cushion covering to a cushion component formed of foam material and provided with a longitudinal passage for engaging the shaped strip, comprising the steps of:

forming the shaped strip from plastic material, the strip having a top surface with a longitudinal slot, a fastener received in the slot, and longitudinal interlocking members on side surfaces of the strip and defining recessed areas between the interlocking members; and

providing a slip-preventer on said top surface of the strip, the slip-preventer being a plastic material softer than the plastic material of the shaped strip to reduce slippage between the strip and the foam material and to increase tear resistance of the shaped strip to resist inadvertent removal of the shaped strip from the longitudinal passage in the cushion component.

31. (new) A method according to claim 30 further comprising applying the soft plastic material to the recesses between the interlocking members.

32. (new) A method according to claim 30 wherein the soft plastic material of the slip-preventer has a Shore A hardness lower than 150.

33. (new) A method according to claim 30 wherein the Shore A hardness is between 30 and 60.

34. (new) A method for producing a flexible shaped strip and securing a cushion covering to a foamed cushion material having a longitudinal passage for engaging the strip, comprising the steps of:

forming the shaped strip from a first plastic material, the strip having a top surface with a longitudinal slot, a fastener received in the slot and coupled to the cushion covering material, the shaped strip having a plurality of longitudinal interlocking members on side surfaces;

applying a second plastic material on a surface of the shaped strip to provide a slip-preventing material on the shaped strip, the second plastic material being softer than the first plastic material to decrease slippage between the shaped strip and the foamed cushion material; and

inserting the shaped strip into the longitudinal passage of the foamed cushion material.

35. (new) A method according to claim 34, comprising applying a coating of the second plastic material onto the shaped strip by extrusion coating, hot coating, spray coating, or dipping.

36. (new) A method according to claim 34, comprising applying the second plastic material to the top surface of the shaped strip.

37. (new) A method according to claim 34, comprising
applying the second plastic material to an area between the longitudinal interlocking
members.